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RECOMMENDED

READS, MOVIES & MORE!

9 Picks to Celebrate Galentine's Day

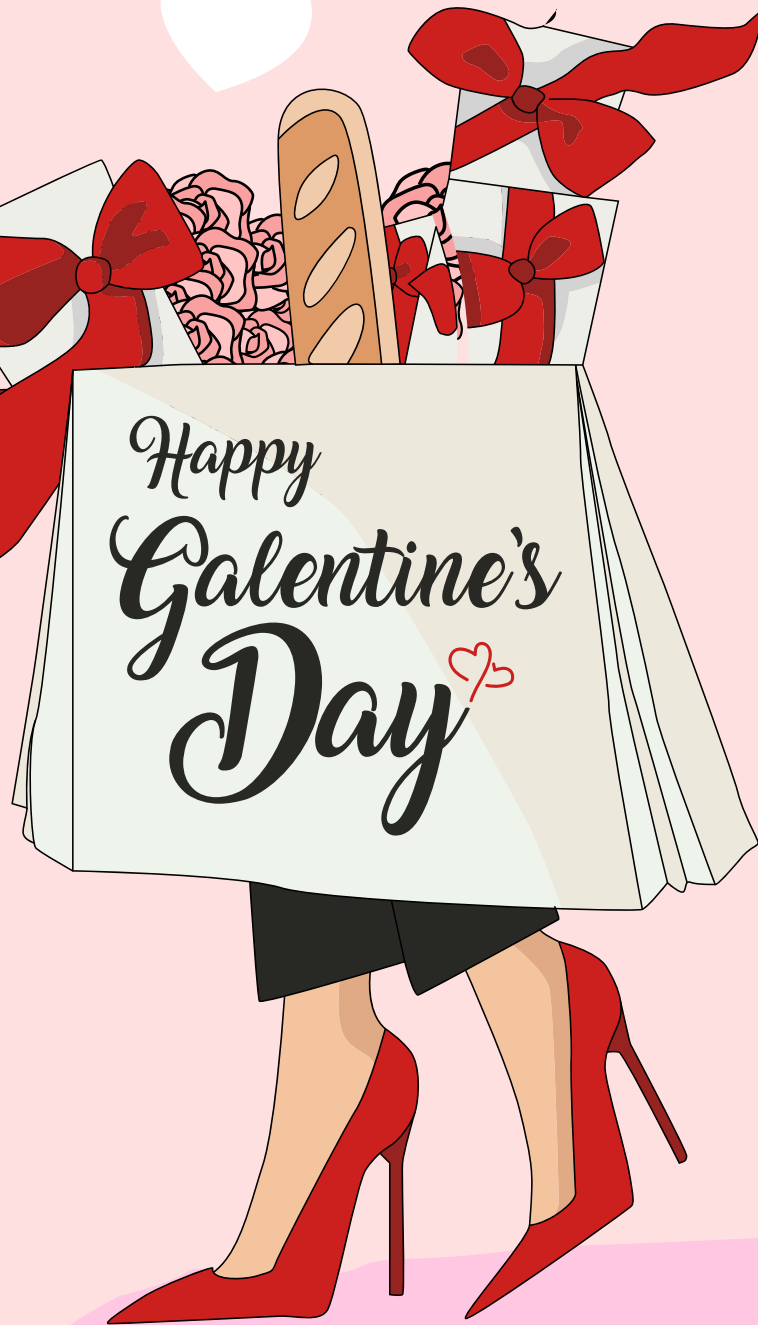


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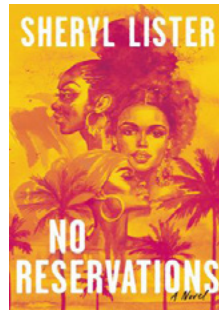
FOR ADULTS

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[Parks and Recreation - Season Seven](#)

Galentine's Day was introduced in Season Two of the classic sitcom featuring the incomparable Amy Poehler as Leslie Knope. Catch up on the final season of this great show.



[No Reservations](#)

by Sheryl Lister
Three friends take a long-awaited trip to Jamaica, courtesy of a dear, departed pal while navigating various crises.



[The Bandit Queens](#)

by Parini Shroff
Everyone thinks Geeta killed her husband. It turns out she didn't, but all the women in her Indian village want in on the action.



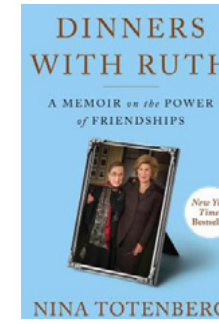
[Loud](#)

Coming together to craft narratives about the important, difficult topic of gender-based violence, the Italian comic artists who created this graphic novel story collection are raising their voices in defiance.



[Call the Midwife - Season Thirteen](#)

The hit, twee television series covering decades of midwifery in East London is still going strong. Check out Season 13 for more heartwarming moments and cute babies.



[Dinners With Ruth](#)

by Nina Totenberg
A lasting relationship between the Notorious R.B.G. (AKA Ruth Bader Ginsberg) and NPR journalist Nina Totenberg is the subject of this memoir.



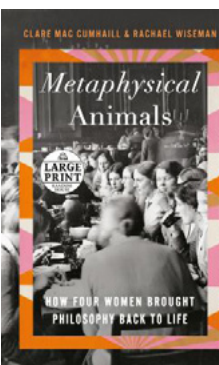
[Wash Day Diaries](#)

by Jamila Rowser
The Black women at the centre of these five stories told in graphic novel format all share an unbreakable bond and an emphasis on self-care hair rituals.



[The Golden Girls - Season One](#)

Go back to the beginning and discover the first season of this quintessential girl group series.



[Metaphysical Animals](#)

by Clare Mac Cumhail
A little-known historical narrative about four women who made real strides in the area of philosophy, starting with their studies together at Oxford University.

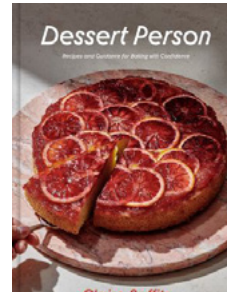
9 Delicious Guides to Master the Art of Baking



Everyone Can Bake

by Dominique Ansel

Famous pastry chef Dominique shares his knowledge and skills about the building blocks of baking and proves that there are endless possibilities to create extraordinary desserts.



Dessert Person

by Claire Saffitz

Do you consider yourself a dessert person? From simple loaf cakes to amazing fruit tarts, the author shares helpful tips to make baking a rewarding experience.



Illustrated Step-by-Step Baking

by Caroline Bretherton

Through stunning illustrations, this practical guide demonstrates each step of the baking process and empowers home bakers to create sweet and savory recipes for every occasion.



Perfectly Golden

by Angela Garbacz

In this heartwarming book, the author has curated recipes that can be easily adapted to cater to various dietary needs. Get ready to impress your loved ones with perfectly golden treats!



Bakerita

by Rachel Conners

Packed with nutritious ingredients, this book offers over 100 gluten-free, dairy-free, and refined sugar-free options to complete your meal with healthier desserts.



Snacking Cakes

by Yossy Arefi

Are you looking for no-fuss recipes that require few ingredients and minimal effort? Try these simple snacking cakes for anytime cravings.



Weeknight Baking

by Michelle Lopez

Perfect for those with busy schedules, this accessible resource provides useful tools and strategies to help create satisfying treats without spending hours in the kitchen.



Giuseppe's Italian Bakes

by Giuseppe Dell'Anno

Inspired by his childhood memories, Giuseppe invites the readers to roll up their sleeves and dive into the flavorful world of the classics of Italian baking. Buon appetito!



Baking Yesteryear

by B. Dylan Hollis

Let's travel through the past and explore the forgotten recipes from the 20th century. This journey promises to be both surprising and highly entertaining.

FOR TEENS

9 Magical Romance Reads



[Three Kisses, One Midnight](#)

by Roshani Chokshi

In the town of Moon Ridge, three young members of The Coven brew a love potion to charm the love of their lives. This book is full of whimsy and enchantment.



[Improbable Magic for Cynical Witches](#)

by Kate Scelsa

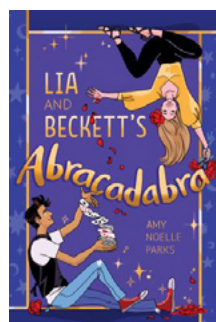
This coming-of-age story follows Eleanor as she tries to grow closer to a witch named Pax while worrying about her past coming back to haunt her. Will Eleanor eventually make peace with her past and find beauty in her present?



[Don't Date Rosa Santos](#)

by Nina Moreno

Rosa Santos must navigate and fight her stormy life as she is cursed by the sea! This heartwarming story explores the Latinx culture, personal identity, and young love.



[Lia and Beckett's Abracadabra](#)

by Amy Noelle Parks

After getting a mysterious invitation from her grandmother, Lia enters a magic competition. What happens when she teams up with a boy her grandmother forbade her from trusting?



[Storybound](#)

by Emily McKay

A young girl enters the world within her favourite book, where she meets its main character, her perfect book boyfriend. Will she be able to save him from the events of book five?



[The Charmed List](#)

by Julie Abe

Ellie finds herself spending her summer driving to a magic convention with her former friend Jack. This book has secret magical communities and first loves, against the backdrop of a summer adventure!



[Before We Disappear](#)

by Shaun David Hutchinson

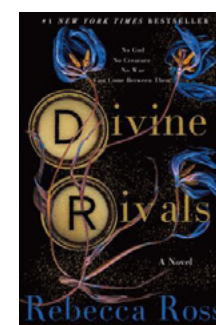
What happens when two magician's assistants start to fall in love, despite their bitter rivalry? This story is perfect for those who enjoy romance, found families, and self-discovery.



[A Girl's Guide to Love & Magic](#)

by Debbie Rigaud

When her aunt gets possessed, Cicely must work with her best friend and her crush to fix everything. This story explores themes of spirituality, love, and finding yourself, all while celebrating Caribbean culture.



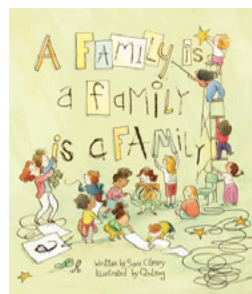
[Divine Rivals](#)

by Rebecca Ross

Rival journalists Iris and Roman find themselves sending each other letters using magical typewriters. This story is about love, hope, and heartbreak, set against the backdrop of a magical war.

FOR KIDS

10 Delightful Picture Books to Read Together



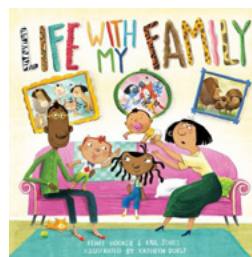
A Family Is A Family Is A Family

by Sara O'Leary
What makes a family special? Find your own answer as this young class figures out what makes their individual families unique!



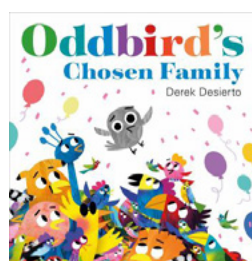
Milo Is Missing Something

by Vern Kousky
Join Milo the yellow octopus, as he explores the ocean after hatching. He's sure he's missing something, but what can it be?



Life With My Family

by Renee Hooker
Life is pretty chaotic at home for this young girl and her family, so she starts to imagine what life would be like if her family was just a little bit different! Would everything really be better if they were a family of lions?



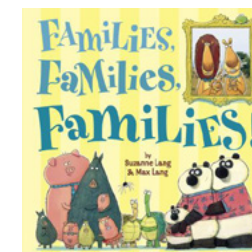
Oddbird's Chosen Family

by Derek Desierto
Oddbird has always been fine being alone. But what's he going to do when he starts to wish for a family of his own?



A Family Tree

by Staci Lola Drouillard
In this contemporary twist to The Giving Tree, find out what happens when Francis and her family tree are moved to a new land.



Families, Families, Families!

by Suzanne Lang
Families come in all shapes and sizes! Celebrate the many different types of families in this fantastical book.



Stella Brings the Family

by Miriam B. Schiffer
It's time for the Mother's Day Celebration for Stella and her class! But Stella starts to worry when she realizes that she doesn't have a mom to bring, only her two dads!



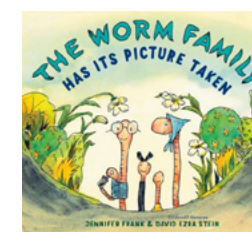
Everyone's Awake

by Colin Meloy
Follow along as things start to get weird in this home when everyone in the family stays up past their bedtime.



Our Home: The Love, Work and Heart of Family

by Lori Sugarman-Li
Our homes are much more than places where we eat and sleep. The diverse cast of families in this sweet story explore the joy of upkeeping their homes to show their care for their loved ones.

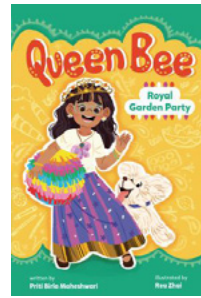


The Worm Family Has Its Picture Taken

by Jennifer Frank
It's time to take a family photo! But what happens when Emma the worm starts to worry about taking a good family photo, like the rest of her friends?

FOR ALL AGES

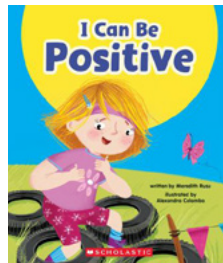
10 New Titles to Kick Off the New Year



Royal Garden Party

by Priti Birla Maheshwari

Join Beena, or Queen Bee, in this fun series that always has a touch of royalty added in!



I Can Be Positive

by Meredith Rusu

Sometimes it's hard, but putting a positive spin in difficult times can make you feel happy and healthy. Join Anika as she explains how she maintains positive feelings.



Shelter Pet Block Party

by Christopher Stewart

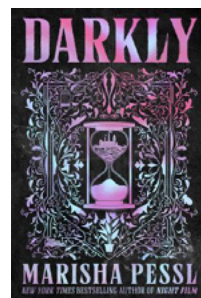
Shh, it's a secret kindness society! Along with Ari, they are going to help the local animal shelter find homes for all the pets.



We Did Nothing Wrong

by Hannah Jayne

Perfect lives are disrupted by the disappearance of a teenage girl. Did she runaway or was it a kidnapping?



Darkly

by Marisha Pessl

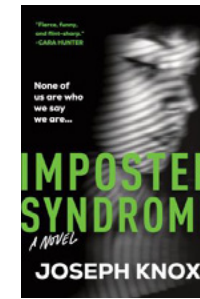
Gaming company Darkly has lost its creator and high schooler Arcadia's internship at the company will lead her to more questions than answers. Enter the twisted realm of Darkly.



Pick-Up

by Nora Dahlia

Feel the heat rise between two enemies stuck together on an exclusive private Caribbean Island. Can the tropical breezes temper their hostile feelings?



Imposter Syndrome

by Joseph Knox

Being mistaken for a missing person leads one man into a dangerous conspiracy.

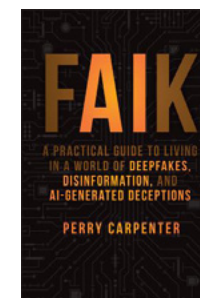


Big Goals

The Science of Setting Them, Achieving Them and Creating Your Best Life

by Caroline Adams Miller

Get set up for success in the new year by learning practices that yield true results in all areas of life.

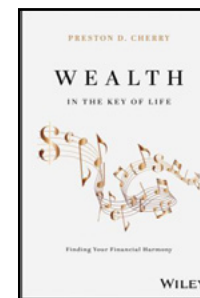


Faik

A Practical Guide to Living in a World of Deepfakes, Disinformation, and AI-generated Deception

by Perry Carpenter

There is no better time to learn how to navigate the truth and fiction of generative artificial intelligence. Arm yourself with the knowledge to find cyberthreats before they find you.



Wealth in the Key of Life

by Preston D. Cherry

Targeted at Generation X, particularly the "sandwich generation," this book provides tools to navigate the various financial decisions, leading to fulfillment and financial freedom.

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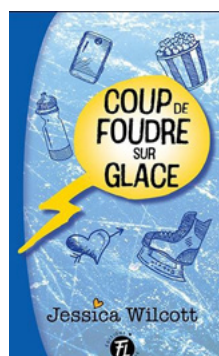
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Books to Fall Head Over Heels For



Je t'aime, mon p'tit chou!

par Hazel Quintanilla
Partagez de jolis messages d'amour illustrés avec votre p'tit chou. Pour les tout-petits. / *Share messages of love with your little one. For young children.*



Coup de foudre sur glace

par Jessica Wilcott
Noémie, lors du tournoi de hockey de son frère, est intriguée par un garçon ressemblant à son chanteur préféré. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *While Noémie is at her brother's hockey tournament, she is intrigued by a boy who resembles her favourite singer. For school-aged kids.*



B comme Boyfriend

par Marie F. Florie
Norie entre à l'université où elle retrouve Joshua, son premier crush, qui veut lui faire découvrir la vie en dehors des livres. Pour les adolescents. / *Norie starts university where she runs into Joshua, her first crush, who wants her to discover life outside books. For teens.*



Lettres à une idole

par Dana Blue
Après un accident, une star de la K-pop retrouve goût à la vie grâce à une correspondance avec un fan. Pour les adolescents. / *After an accident, a K-pop star recovers thanks to some correspondence with a fan. For teens.*



Quand on aime la mauvaise personne, difficile de trouver la bonne

par Edith Chouinard
Jess, ancien espoir du tennis, découvre que son amour non réciproque pour Emma pourrait le mener à une autre romance. Pour les adolescents. / *Jess, a former tennis star, discovers that his unrequited love for Emma could lead to another romance. For teens.*



Je t'ai aimé dans une autre vie

par David Arnold
Evan et Shosh, tous deux marqués par des tragédies personnelles, se rencontrent et découvrent qu'ils sont liés par leurs vies passées. Pour les adolescents. / *Evan and Shosh, each bearing the scars of their own personal tragedies, cross paths and uncover a connection rooted in their past lives. For teens.*



Des notes d'interdit

par Geneviève Boucher
Un fameux guitariste, menacé de mort, est protégé par un garde du corps, mais leur attirance complique leur relation professionnelle. Pour adultes. / *A famous guitarist under death threats, is protected by a bodyguard, but their mutual attraction complicates their professional relationship. For adults.*



Promets-moi ta confiance

par Sandra Verilli
Anabela, une journaliste chargée de couvrir les matchs de hockey de Montréal, est surprise de revoir Hans, le gardien de but qu'elle a connu seize ans plus tôt. Pour adultes. / *Anabela, a journalist assigned to cover hockey games in Montreal, is surprised to see Hans, the goalie she knew 16 years earlier. For adults.*



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